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## EARLY PEACE WITH GERMANY EXPECTED

French Envoy Told That Sentiment Is Strongly For Knox Resolution.

Washington, D. C.—The Harding administration intends to terminate the war between the United States and Germany by congressional resolution, M. Viviani, French envoy extraordinary, was understood to have been informed at a dinner at the home of Senator McCormick of Illinois.

The ex-premier was also informed, it was said, by senators present that the program of the administration does not contemplate entrance of the United States into the league of nations.

Those at the dinner stated M. Viviani had been told frankly that it was useless to discuss the possibility of American membership in the league of nations. Most of the republican members of the senate foreign relations committee and Colonel George Hervey, prospective ambassador at the court of St. James were among those present.

The French envoy, who was accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, was said to have been informed that sentiment of republican leaders was virtually unanimous for adoption of the Knox separate peace resolution, subject only to possible amendment from its original form, early in the special session of congress.

M. Viviani was described as appearing "reconciled" to the situation.

## GROSS DEBT OF U. S. IS REDUCED

Washington, D. C.—The nation's debt was reduced \$71,580,330 in March, according to a treasury statement which showed the debt to be \$23,980,140,197. Of the total federal obligations outstanding \$2,754,841,000 represents short term treasury certificates of indebtedness, several hundred million of which Secretary Mellon has said will be retired in April.

An analysis of the treasury's fiscal affairs for the last year reveals little change in the amount of certificates of indebtedness or the floating debt. The gross debt, however, consisting largely of liberty bonds and victory notes, has shown a decrease.

Certificates of indebtedness outstanding March 31, 1920, totaled \$2,687,220,000, less than \$100,000,000 below the present total.

## RAILROADS PAY BILLIONS

1920 Wages to Men Totaled by Interstate Commission.

Washington, D. C.—Railroad wages for 1920 totaled \$3,733,816,186, the interstate commerce commission announced. Wages for the first quarter were \$795,616,330, for the second \$801,063,930, for the third \$1,052,109,451, and for the fourth \$982,606,789, with the back pay for May and June under the retroactive increase of July 20 amounting to approximately \$102,419,680 to be added in the total.

Reports of back pay, said the commission, are not completed and therefore the figures are somewhat below those to appear in the final annual report.

Aged Vadar Banker Suicide With Rifle, Winlock, Wash. — Charles Reidel, aged 74, pioneer merchant of Vadar and vice-president of the Little Falls State bank, was found dead in his bed in a room in his store building at Vadar. On his knees was a 25-20 carbine rifle, with which he had shot himself in the heart during the night, and on the bed by his side was a lengthy note giving despondency as the reason for suicide.

Seizure of Liquor Restricted, Seattle, Wash.—Federal prohibition agents are not empowered to stop and search citizens for liquor on the streets, or in hotel lobbies, unless the officers are provided with specific search warrants, Federal Judge Netherer held in a decision handed down here.

Tariff on Hops Wanted, Sacramento, Cal.—Without dissent the state senate adopted resolutions requesting congress to impose a protective tariff on hops.

## CONGRESS HEARS DRAMATIC PLEA FROM FILIPINO



Philippine Resident Commissioner Isuro Gabaldon

Washington.—"Must the heart of America beat only for the freedom of Ireland, of Poland and of the Czechs, Slovaks, and not for the independence of the Philippine Islands?"

This was the question Resident Commissioner Isuro Gabaldon of the Philippines addressed directly to the membership of the House of Representatives.

In a speech which was given very close attention and was frequently applauded.

"At one time," said Commissioner Gabaldon, "Congress had before it no less than thirty resolutions expressing sympathy with the aspirations of the Irish people, if not actually urging England to grant independence to Ireland. At that time, also the Filipinos were knocking at your door. Out of the womb of war, many European republics were born, and America has rejoiced to uphold the same. And yet the claim of the Filipinos is still unheeded. Must there be exceptions, then, in international justice?"

"My plea, gentlemen of the American Congress, is that you ignore no longer the repeated requests of a deserving people for an independence that rightfully belongs to them. The granting of independence now affords the United States a golden opportunity to give to the world unanswerable proof of its sincerity, its consistency and its altruism. It will be the greatest example of square dealing in the history of the ages."

"Do not think we are not appreciative of all you have done for us. We are. America has truly treated the Filipino people as no other nation has ever treated an alien race in all history. The high points of the American policy in the Philippines have been consistently inspired by altruism. We know that you were actuated in your labors by the desire to contribute to our own welfare."

"And we love you perhaps most of all for your solemn promise to grant us that which we hold dearer than life itself—our freedom. Independence is our national ideal. It is our all-absorbing aim. It grows stronger every hour. For the spirit of nationalism never dies. Much less can it be subdued. We believe that we can never hope to be a sturdy nation if we are to rely forever on the magnanimity of the United States."

"America's task in the Philippine Islands is finished. What you have assumed as your sacred obligation in that part of the world has been fulfilled. A people with a medieval system of institutions has been transformed into a conscious nation, imbued with all that is modern in the activities of nations. And if you give us independence our gratitude to you will increase a thousand fold; it will last forever if you keep faith with us. "There is but one issue in the Philippine question, and that is: Is there today a stable government on the islands? In the Jones law you promised independence upon the establishment of such a stable government. Your own Governor-General has officially reported that there is a stable government in existence today, and we also have submitted plenty of evidence to substantiate its existence. Therefore, we hope and expect America will now carry out its pledge."

### Family of Seven Die Together.

Because they could no longer stand the agonies of starvation, a Chinese family of seven committed suicide. The father and mother first bound their five children together, then lashed themselves to the children, and all leaped into a river. The seven bodies, all bound together, were seen by L. V. Lewis of Portland, who recently returned from the famine section in North China.

"With 45,000,000 starving, the situation is a colossal tragedy," said Mr. Lewis, "and rather than see their children suffer any longer, parents all through the famine lands are killing their little ones and then themselves. There are millions of gaunt, emaciated, half-naked men, women and children roaming the famine lands, chewing roots and bark, and hanging tensely to life, in the effort to pull through until spring. The relief organizations are struggling against the overwhelming situation, and are saving some of those on the edge of the great famine district. Surely every man, woman and child in Oregon will want to give something towards the China Famine Fund."

## As a Modern Filipino Actually Looks



There are hundreds of thousands of this type of young men in the Philippines. They are to be the future rulers of the destinies of the islands.

The Filipino has been much misrepresented in the United States. This is largely because the Sunday magazines have made a specialty of portraying the semi-naked non-Christian hill tribes as "typical" Filipinos, which is far from the truth.

The total population of the Philippines is 10,250,040, of which 9,495,272 are Christians and civilized, and have been so for 300 years, possessing a culture and refinement that will compare favorably with that of other countries. The number of non-Christians is 855,008, and only a small percentage of them are uncivilized. They are fast becoming educated, and will ultimately make good citizens.

Seventy per cent of the inhabitants of the Philippines over ten years of age, according to the last census, are literate. This is a higher percentage of literacy than that of any South American country, higher than that of Spain, and higher than that of any of the New Republics of Europe whose independence is being guaranteed by the Allies.

## FROM "OVER THE HILL"

Mrs. Fred Stine of Spokane, visited relatives in Athens this week.

Mrs. Charles Grant of Condon, is in the city, visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Bocher.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson were over from their home on the Umatilla river, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones.

Wm. McPherson has received a box of choice oranges from his mother in Verraballa, Calif., and is distributing them among Athens friends.

Athens high school plays base ball with Milton high school, this afternoon on the Milton grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McArthur will soon return to their Portland home after spending the winter in California.

Mr. McElhane, who recently purchased the Sam Haworth pool hall, has moved his family over from Walla Walla, and is occupying the Kemp residence on Adams street.

Miss Sarah Sharp, who has been in the sanitarium at College Place for several weeks, will be brought to the home of her parents in Athens, next Sunday.

Mrs. Della Wright who was recently operated on at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla, returned to her home in this city last week, somewhat improved in health.

A strong flow of water was encountered in the Robert Coppock well at a depth of 332 feet, by the driller, Mr. West. The water is of splendid quality and Mr. Coppock will force it over his premises for irrigation purposes with an electric pumping plant.

Ed Pinkerton is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of a horse which he was riding, falling with him on the Main street pavement. The arm was not broken, but was severely sprained in the wrist joint.

Owing to ill health, Melville Johns will give up farming, and leaves soon for Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Johns and little daughter will follow in the near future, and they will probably make their home in California. Flint Johns has taken over his brother's interests and will lease his part of the land, so it is stated, moving to the farm west of town.

Last Sunday a rabbit hunt and picnic dinner near the Umatilla river were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Art Douglas and children, Mrs. Lula Read and daughter, Mrs. Geo. Gross and Verna Gross, Miss Bea Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Rex Hopper and Grant Prestbye. After the hunt the party motored to the Columbia river

## CONGRESSMEN FAVOR FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE



Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois.

Washington.—"The appointed hour is here: let the Philippines be free."

This was the keynote of a speech by Congressman Edward J. King of Illinois, (Republican) in which he reviewed the American occupation of the islands from the first day to the present time. He declared that the United States was honor bound to grant independence without further delay.

Congressman King is one of an increasing number of Republicans in the House who are urging quick action on Philippine independence. Mr. King is the author of a bill which provides that within one year the Philippine government, under presidential proclamation, may assemble a convention and frame a constitution.

After the constitution is ratified by the Filipino people the President may recognize the Philippine islands as "a separate and self-governing nation." The transfer of authority is to be completed within one year. Provision is made for safeguarding American investments in the Philippines and for the providing of coaling stations and submarine bases in the islands by the United States.

Word from the Philippines is that the people expect early independence and will be sorely disappointed if they do not get it.

"No nation has the right," said Congressman King "to hold another people in peonage, even though it may be argued by the professoriate that the condition is simply one of tutelage."

"A little more observance of the golden rule in national and international affairs would soon dispel that desire for exploitation, the fiercest foe of freedom in the world today."

"When we went to the Philippines we declared before the whole world that we were not actuated by any selfish desire of conquest of territorial aggrandizement, but solely by humanitarian impulses."

Congressman King called attention to the fact that Filipinos are now raising funds to erect a monument to Admiral Dewey, which he said was indirectly a tribute to the American people as well as to Dewey. He recalled the cable that Dewey had sent to President McKinley, which was as follows:

"In my opinion these people (Filipinos) are superior in intelligence and more capable of self government than the natives of Cuba, and I am familiar with both."

Congressman King then recited the preamble to the Jones law, passed August 29, 1916, and declared it was a definite pledge of independence. The preamble stated "It is as it has always been the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein."

Congressman King stated there was no question but that the Filipinos had established the specified stable government and, therefore, it is the solemn duty of the United States to grant the promised independence.

Paving of the highway connecting Marshfield with Coquille has been completed.

Eggs were sold in Eugene last week by producers at 15 cents a dozen, the lowest price in 12 years.

The city of Salem has purchased a motorcycle to be used by the traffic officer of the police department.

At a special election in Vale bonds of \$35,000 were voted for enlarging and extending the water system.

dinner in the park is contemplated.

The school exercises will be in the nature of a pageant, and Miss Hilda Dickenson, chosen for the character part, will be crowned Queen of May.

Queen Hilda I will be attended by a royal court, and the ceremonies promise to be a very interesting event the program.

The contenders for honors in the district track meet will be pupils in the Helix, Adams, Weston and Athens schools. The different events will be contested under the rules of district scholastic divisional authority.

In the evening at high school auditorium a program will be given, and the numbers will comprise playlets and music.

## GERMANY MUST PAY, SECRETARY STATES

Reparations Claims Held to Be Just, In Reply to Note From Germany.

Washington.—"The United States stands with the governments of the allies in holding Germany responsible for the war and therefore morally bound to make reparations, so far as possible."

This is the positive declaration of Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, made by him in his reply to a communication from the German government, forwarded to him under date of March 29.

In his reply, Secretary of State Hughes expressed pleasure at Germany's "unequivocal expression" of its desire to pay to the limit of ability and said:

"This government believes that it recognizes in the memorandum of Dr. Simons a sincere desire on the part of the German government to reopen negotiations with the allies on a new basis and hopes that such negotiations, once resumed, may lead to a prompt settlement which will at the same time satisfy the just claims of the allies and permit Germany happily to renew its productive activities."

The formal statement of the United States as to German reparation is contained in an exchange of communications with German government officials, made public by the state department. They are in the form of memoranda transmitted through Loring Dresel, American high commissioner at Berlin.

## GREEKS DEFEATED BY TURK NATIONALISTS

Constantinople.—The Greeks have been defeated by the Turks in the battle at Eskishehr, said a communication issued by the headquarters of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Turkish nationalist leader.

Kiazim Kara Bekir, commander of the Turkish nationalists in Armenia, with his "army of salvation," was nearing Sivas.

A Turkish communique said that the battle on the Eskishehr frontier lasting nine days had been concluded, Bilejik being recaptured and the Greeks retreating toward Brussa.

Turkish transports, conveyed by bolshevik gunboats, have landed part of Kara Bekir's army at Ineboli.

The allies will refuse Greeks permission to transport their troops in Thrace to the battle front in Asia Minor by way of Constantinople or to use the Ismid railway.

The Italians have protested that a Greek patrol has held up the steamer Cleopatra in the Black sea. The allies have informed the Greeks that they must not blockade the sea.

The Greeks have begun reinforcing their army. The Greek merchant marine has been mobilized as transports and it is expected the Greeks can put an army of 200,000 in the field. The size of this army is being viewed with alarm by the Serbians and Bulgarians.

### Wheat 95 Cents at The Dalles.

The Dalles, Or.—With the greater part of the 1920 Wasco county wheat crop still unsold, local mills and export buyers reported that 93 and 95 cents a bushel is the maximum price which they will pay. No sales were reported at these quotations.

### Alaskan Wanted for Governor.

Juneau, Alaska.—Both senate and house of the territorial legislature adopted under suspension of rules a joint resolution requesting the president to appoint only a bona fide Alaskan for governor of the territory.

### Bergdoll Chasers Back in Coblenz.

Coblenz.—Carl Neuf and Franz Zimmer, Americans released from prison in Baden, where they had been confined for their part in the attempt to arrest Grover C. Bergdoll, American draft evader, have arrived here.

### British Coal Strike Serious.

London.—Signs pointed to the dispute between the coal miners and the government drifting toward the most serious industrial crisis in recent years.